

SUMMIT COUNTY (UTAH). COUNTY HOSPITAL

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PATIENTS' CASE FILES, 1941-1982.

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DESCRIPTION: The Laws of Utah 1917, Chapter 106, provided for the "establishment and maintenance of county hospitals." Originally submitted to the legislature as House Bill 68, the bill enabled the county government to establish hospitals and maintain them, levy taxes and issue bonds, elect hospital trustees, and "to make possible an adequate supply of hospitals." Not until federal funding became available through the WPA project in the late 1930s was a county hospital actually constructed in Coalville. The series begins at about the time the hospital was opened. In July of 1982, the Summit County Hospital was closed, and the records transferred to the Utah State Archives.

The Patient Case Files were created by the various medical personnel that had contact with the patient: doctors, nurses, pathologists, and sometimes medical insurance personnel. They are the cumulative history of a given patient's stay in the hospital. For many patients there is more than one case file, indicating that a new file was created every time the patient sought medical care from the system.

The case files may include any of the following types of documents: admission and discharge records, condition of admission forms, lab reports, medication records, charts, medical histories, anesthesia records, nurses reports, prescription forms, consent forms, EKG graphs, and summary indexes to the case file. The nurses reports are the most informative in that they give an hourly update on the patients's status and other data concerning the patient's comments, state of mind, and visitors.

ARRANGEMENT: The patient case files consist of four separate subseries, which used four separate numeric filing systems. These subseries are Inpatient Case Files, Outpatient Case

Files, Emergency Room Files, and Inactive or "dead" Files. The Inpatient Case Files appear to be filed in an alpha-numeric case file number system. The Outpatient Case Files are filed numerically. The Emergency Room Files are filed alphabetically by patient's last name. The Inactive Files are filed in no apparent order but a case number is on each file.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: These records have been classified as Private Data and may only be accessed by the former patient or requested by their current physician in written form. All other requests for information must be made in writing to the Utah State Archives.

PROCESSING NOTE: When the Summit County Hospital was closed in July of 1982, the PATIENT CASE FILES were transferred to the Summit County Commission. Transfer to the Utah State Archives for permanent storage occurred on May 14, 1984. Archival processing was completed in 1988. The series inventory was completed by Terry Ellis. Physical processing was finished by Rick Francom and Paul Jennens.

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